

edith, to the office of Treasurer of the United States.

The following letters, the original copies of which are now in the hands of the family, will show the estimation in which he was held, as well as the term of his office.

The first is from Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury. It is as follows :

TREASURY OFFICE, NEW YORK, }
September 13, 1789. }

SIR :—Permit me to congratulate you on your appointment as Treasurer of the United States, and to assure you of the pleasure I feel in anticipating your coöperation with me in a station in which a character like yours is so truly valuable.

I need not observe to you how important it is that you should be on the ground as soon as possible. The call for your presence, you will be sensible, is urgent. Mr. Duer, my assistant, goes to Philadelphia to procure a loan from the Bank there. He will communicate with you, and I am persuaded, will meet with your concurrence in whatever may facilitate the object of his mission.

With sincere esteem

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

SAMUEL MEREDITH, Esq.,
Treasurer of the United States.

Mr. Meredith entered upon the duties of this office when the Treasury was in its most embarrassed and confused state. He resigned it in 1801.

The following letter from Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States, shows the fidelity and ability with which he had fulfilled the duties of this office :

MONTICELLO, September 4, 1801.

DEAR SIR :—I received yesterday your favor of August 29, resigning your office of Treasurer of the United States, after the last of October next. I am sorry for the circumstances which dictate the measure to you ; but from their nature, and the deliberate consideration of which it seems to be the result, I presume that dissuaves on my part would be without effect. My time in office has not been such as to bring me into an intimate insight of the proceedings of the several departments, but I am sure I hazard nothing when I testify in your favor—that you have conducted yourself with perfect integrity and propriety in the duties of the office you have filled, and I pray you to be assured of my high esteem and consideration.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

MR. MEREDITH.

Soon after Mr. Meredith closed the duties of this office, he commenced his residence in this town, and retired from public life. Having spent the remnant of his days here, he departed this life February 10, 1817, in the 76th year of his age.